

## **Astronomy and Physics Working Group**

**Charter:** The Astronomy and Physics Working Group (APWG) will serve as a standing working group for both the Structure and Evolution of the Universe (SEU) and Origins Subcommittees of the Space Science Advisory Committee. It will provide community input on topics and issues related to the formulation and execution of the Research and Analysis (R&A) program. The group will discuss issues pertinent to the discipline scientists within the A&P Division. Some specific functions to be performed:

- Provide assistance on all issues concerning R&A, including program organization, solicitation process, R&A needs of flight missions;
- Serve as a sounding board for R&A policy issues;
- Inform the science community of R&A policies and missions;
- Present the views of the community on these issues; and
- Provide scientific input by organizing ad hoc working groups, workshops etc. as and when required.

### **Membership:**

- The Chair is member of the SEU or Origins Subcommittee and the Deputy Chair is a member of the other;
- The membership will draw upon active researchers in the community;
- The membership will consist of approximately 10-15 members spanning research interests; and
- Members will serve three-year appointments, with 1/3 rolling off each year.

### **Meetings:**

- Meetings will typically be held twice a year, timed to precede SEUS and OS meetings.